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Dear Lowanda and Charles (Roberts),

When Barbara Eichhorn, Cleveland, Ohio, and you folks were here for the weekend of September 7-8, 1946, from Detroit, Michigan, Lowanda asked me for information regarding Charles' maternal ancestors, the Eichhorn side of his house, so I will attempt to do as you requested, to the best of my ability.

When we were children at home, high on the Belmont County hills of Barnesville, Ohio, our parents Charles I (also called Karl) Joseph Eichhorn and Louisa Dorothea Kuhn Eichhorn, often told us stories of their background in Germany.

Childlike, I thought that I would always remember them as they were told to us. Now I am sorry that some of us, did not take notes on the above information, for after all, one's memory is very fickle; for many things, that I am going to tell you and Charles are being quoted from memory.

I am indeed glad that you asked me to do this, for I always intended to do so, but always postponed it, or did not have the time, and some day, some descendant, is going to inquire about his or her ancestry; so here goes--you asked for it, for one can never tell what's up their family tree!

THE EICHHORNS

(German for squirrels.)

The Eichhorns, apparently were roamers by nature, and Charles B. Roberts has surely done his part, for his years, traveling from the United States to Canada and from Canada to the United States--just a part of his squirrel nature, I guess.

During the United States Civil War, two of my father's uncles, Charles' great, great uncle came to America to enlist in the cause against slavery on the Northern side, but were never heard from again after they landed. Whether they were killed in battle was never known. Another one of my father's uncles settled in England and became a soldier in the Crimean War of 1854-1856, fighting at Eastopel and Bala Klava. That branch was lost sight of in the 1890's. I believe they lived in London.

Another was conscripted by Napoleon in his march through Germany to his defeat at Moscow in 1812-1814--just as Hitler and his armies

attempted to do in World War II, but like Napoleon, Hitler was defeated, too, and for the same reasons that Napoleon was defeated. Here starving and freezing in the Russian blizzards, this Eichhorn cut strips of leather from his boots, boiled the strips in melted snow, and the cooked leather he ate as food, and the hot liquid he drank as broth. However, he was taken prisoner by the Russians and sent to work in the Mines of Siberia, but since he was a conscripted German soldier (Russia and Germany were not at war) he was finally released, and returned to his home in Germany; but due to starvation and privation, he did not live very long after his return. Dad and I walked along this same German highway, over which Napoleon led his French Army--so far victorious; also stood between the great columns in the Cologne Cathedral, where the guide told us; "Napoleon stabled his horses and men of his cavalry;" and in World War II this great cathedral was bombed, and Cologne Bridge, over which we walked, over the Rhine was destroyed in 1945 by the Allies. (History repeats itself for in World War I (1914-1918) mother's nephew, Hans Bantz suffered from frozen feet in Russia.

In the early 1800's another of Charles' great great uncles shipped out in a sailboat and around the Cape of Good Hope, Africa, and also up to the most Northern port of Europe, at that time, the port of Hammerfest, Sweden.

So much for the early history of the Eichhorn side of the house, now let's look backward into the Recktenwald side of the house--Charles' great grandmother--Barbara Recktenwald.

BARBARA RECKTENWALD

My father's mother was Barbara Recktenwald of Homburg, Bavaria, Germany; apparently they, too, were roamers, so you see, the present generation surely inherited this restless nature and desire to see as much of the world as they possibly can--but imagine, Charles Allen Bailey and Karl Eichhorn III of World War II, and they saw more traveling in the South Pacific and Europe than they ever really enjoyed.

One cousin of dad's lived in Paris. She was Ernestine Recktenwald (?). I have forgotten her married name. We visited her and family about 1902. They had a son who in all probability served in World War I. Ernestine's husband was an overseer, or custodian of a very palatial mansion. At dinner they served small glasses of fancy wine in their coffee, instead of sugar and cream.

I was quite shocked to see Ernestine smoke cigarettes after the meals. The first cigarette smoking by a woman I had ever seen, but following World War I, cigarette smoking was introduced among the American women by American soldiers returning from France.

Ernestine took us on a sight seeing trip of Paris. We saw Notre Dame, St. Madeline Cathedral, Notre Dame des Victories, Chambre de Paris, C. Deputies, Place a la Concorde, Palais de l'Industrie, Palais National, Palais Royal, Statue Clemenceau.

Dame des Invalides, and many other interesting points of view. For the Dame des Invalides, were too late to enter as the guards were closing the doors. I believe this was Napoleon's tomb, Statue de Jeanne D'Arc, Henri IV, Le Pantheon, La Bourse, Banque de France, Champs Elip's, etc. Ernestine surely knew her Paris!

Another one of dad's cousins, Giovanni, or J. Recktenwald lived at No. 64 B, Via dell Anima, Rome, Italy. A letter I found among dad's from Giovanni was dated November 28, 1880. He was a merchant and sold religious books and supplies, for the Eichhorns and Recktenwalds were Catholics, the Kuhns being Lutherans; in Rome, crucifixes, prayer books, prayer chains, or anything of a religious nature were of great demand and still are.

As we go down to the next generation, we find all of Adam Eichhorn's children leaving their native land of Germany, except for one son, John Eichhorn, for America. In mother's family, the Kuhns, mother and her brother, Louis Valentine, left Germany in their early twenties to emigrate to America, where they thought greater opportunities would be available to them with less militarism and fewer wars! Uncle Louis had belonged to the German Army and had served in the standing army. Charles and Wanda: The preceding paragraphs will give you a faint idea of the early history of your maternal and paternal ancestors.

ADAM EICHHORN

Adam Eichhorn born July 2, 1827 and died January 19, 1882, married Barbara Miller Recktenwald (died May 25, 1885), and I believe they lived in Homburg, Bavaria, Germany. Charles (Karl) Joseph Eichhorn was born September 3, 1857. The other children were John, who remained in Germany; George, William, Katherine, Elizabeth, and Adam, Jr. Later on the family apparently moved from Palatina to Sulzbach, Saarbrücken, West Prussia in 1872.

Here (Karl) or Charles met Louisa Dorothea Kuhn, daughter of Frederick Kuhn and Louisa Dorothea Oberman Kuhn. Adams Eichhorn, Sr. served in the German-Franco War of 1870, and was a member of the Medical Corps. The only possession my father had from his old home was a brass artery clamp that his father had used in that war.

After the folks left the old home place in Barnesville and Olivett Pike where Karl II now lives, the clamp disappeared. One day, Dr. Jess McCartney of Barnesville, Ohio, a Masonic friend of dad's told Emma Eichhorn Bailey that dad had given that old clamp to him--unknown to any of us. After Dr. McCartney died, I wrote to Mrs. Hagedorn (executrix) asking her to return the clamp to some member of the family, or perhaps Dr. McCartney requested her to do so, before his death; and I believe the artery clamp was returned to Emma, but I am not positive.

In the 1880's (Karl) or Charles decided to come to America, but he did not have the money, although he was an apprentice in the glass works, but fare to America was a great financial problem.

According to mother's sister, Katherine Kuhn Grösser, he asked grandma Kuhn for a loan, "who loaned him the money, providing that if he married his daughter, Louise, and if any children were born to this union, they would be brought up in the Protestant Faith!" And believe me, we went to Sunday school regardless of heat, cold, mud, high water, or anything else; neither did we sew, press a dress, or indulge in any of the modern Sunday activities.

Later on, dad became a Mason, and was ammember of Friendship Lodge No. 89, Barnesville, Ohio and was buried with their impressive ceremony. He was also one of the contributors to the lovely new stone of the Presbyterian Church, built in 1903, which took the place of the wooden structure, where most of us started to Sunday school in the balcony, where we as tiny tots, first received our Sunday school training. The steps were quite steep and curved, and here Harry fell down one morning, and bumped his nose, and what a gory sight--blood over his white waist, with ruffled collar, cuffs, and down the front.

(Karl) or Charles Eichhorn arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and one time, he, Matilda, and myself (1898) stood on a wooden bridge on the south side and he said, "I stood here all alone in 1881 (?) on this bridge, a perfect stranger, not knowing a soul in a strange land, not understanding one word of the English language and only \$1 in my pocket, and at that I borrowed; nor did I know where I would lay my head that night!"

Undaunted, as soon as he could save up enough money, he attended night school, so he could learn to read, write, and speak English. As soon as he was entitled to become an American citizen, he did so, and was always proud of being a citizen of the United States of America.

He was a great reader, with a wonderful memory, especially fond of history and astronomy, and at his death, August 27, 1931, "he was one of the best posted men in the community." He died at Tacoma, near Barnesville, Ohio, where they had moved, from the home place, where Karl II and his family also live later. He is buried in the Northern Cemetery, on the family lot where Albert, a small son who died February 4, 1896 is also buried.

After emigrating to the United States he lived in Pittsburgh, and I believe he worked at the Pittsburgh Glass Company, then, he went to Dala Ray (?), near Detroit, Michigan, working in the glass works there for a while.

In Detroit, at that time, he could have purchased a large tract of land for a few dollars per acre, and often regretted that he did not do so, because this same tract, or at least a part of it was later on in the possession of one of the large automobile companies, and is now of great value, but in the meantime the taxes would probably have amounted to a small fortune.

Wanda, you recall, on October 20, 1945, as Charles, Hugh, you and I were standing on Belle Isle in Detroit, Michigan, with the Detroit River and shores of Canada forming the background, Charles remarking, "Do you suppose this might be the place where grandpa helped in the boot-logging business?" Apparently his mother, Matilda Eichhorn Roberts had told him the story to help a busy, little lad in a more or less isolated section of Canada (Talbot Alberta) to while away a stormy day, so perhaps your prospective youngster, may some day also be interested.

On a Saturday, he was invited by a group of young men (glass workers) to visit the Canadian shore. "Sure, I'd like to visit Canada," so they all started, but he did not pay any particular attention to the rope in the boat. Across from Detroit they started, and perhaps it was from Belle Isle, as the river is not so wide at that section. They spent some time sight seeing and shopping on the Canadian side, and towards evening they went down to the wharf to their boat to return to the United States. One of them was carrying a rather odd package about the boat. After they had pulled away from shore, he undid the package--a gallon of Canadian whiskey. They were planning to outwit any United States revenue cutter and officers, who might become suspicious of them. By simply tying the rope through the handle of the whiskey jug, let go of the rope and the jug would sink; holding the other end of the rope in their hands; then, if a revenue hove into sight, they would let go of the rope, and there would not be any evidence against the men--for the jug, containing the Canadian whiskey would be on its way down to the bottom of the Detroit River.

Needless to say, dad no longer enjoyed the trip, and was quite relieved when they landed without themselves being juggled in the United States, for he did not believe in that type of escapades, and never again did he go to Canada, at least not with that group. Now Charles, you as his grandson, and namesake and living in Detroit, will appreciate this story at the Grosse Ile Naval Station. He returned to Pittsburgh where he was married in 1882 to Louisa Dorothea Kuhn.

LOUISA DOROTHEA KUHN

About 1881, Lewis Frederick Kuhn and his sister, Louisa, arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lived on the south side. That is where the writer was born.

About 1884, there was a demand for glass workers in Barnesville, Ohio, where in 1883 "The Barnesville Window Glass House" had been erected. (Quoting Dr. D. O. Shepphard in his book, "The Story of Barnesville," p. 284). These glass workers were known as craftsmen. These men were mostly from Pittsburgh and Massachusetts, for there were no window houses nearby, and it was stated that this was one of the first of it's kind in Ohio. (Again quoting Dr. Shepphard.) Here also came the Coons, Robinsons, La Dues, Jordan, Leaps, etc. and at

this date, March 10, 1947, mother is the only one of those pioneer glass workers' group that is living.

Poor Louise dreaded leaving her friends in Pittsburgh, where there were many Germans, and where she attended the Lutheran Church, and starting out in a new location, where only English was spoken--besides with these newcomers, just as now, there was a housing shortage, and they had to move out into the country, where Wilson's greenhouse used to be. In due time, she learned to speak and read the English language. Mrs. Wiley, a neighbor helped her in many ways, besides being blessed (?) with numerous babies, and all the labor that her home and family required.

Now, she has been busily employed all winter long (January, February, and March 1947) over at Tom and Louise's knitting stockings, booties, and afghans for her prospective great grandchildren of Charles Roberts and Florence Eichhorn Vidrine.

Her brother, Lewis came with them to Barnesville and was employed as a baker at Schafer's, who also were Germans. Anna Faber of Hill-tonsburg, Monroe County, was also employed there, and they were married; soon they moved to Morgantown, Indiana, where the little Kuhns were born, Maude, Mary, Karl, Ivy, George, and Fred; but before they were all grown up, their mother, Anna died. Later, Uncle Lewis married Minnie Collins of Barnesville, Ohio, daughter of a blind music teacher, Horace Collins, and from whom Tillie and Anna took violin lessons. Minnie is now deceased.

There is one story I missed getting in the proper place, so here goes.

As I mentioned above, our folks moved into the old Wilson place (Quakers) and not far from the house stood the old abandoned greenhouse, which apparently the folks had never inspected; but always leave it to the young fru to investigate places that are not supposed to investigate. One day my mother missed me. She called, and called--no answer! Finally, she looked into the greenhouse, and there I was sitting on the edge of an old well, having the best time dabbling my feet in and out of the water. She was so horrified, and did not know what to do, for fear she would frighten me, and I would tumble in, and no neighbors within a quarter of a mile.

Somehow, mother-like, she quietly had me leave the edge of the well safely, and so consequently, I am here today writing this history for Charles and you, and the twins to come (?).

There was another episode. When we had left the Wilson place, and the folks had purchased the Mark Laurence place, where Karl II now lives, that mother's coolness just about saved the day.

Matilda, Anna and I were playing with white soup beans in the kitchen of the old house. We were sitting on the floor and I'll never forget it. Mother had to go on an errand up to Mrs. Wiley's

and she said, "Now children don't put those beans up your noses!" I was about five years old, maybe four. After she left, I had the happy thought to try "putting beans up our noses." Probably we would never have thought of such a thing, if mother had not suggested it. Well, all three of us began to put the beans up our noses. Mother was gone quite a while, and as beans take up moisture, the result was coming rather painful. When mother came in, we were crying, and she said, "What's the matter?" We all cried, "We got beans up our noses!" She did not know what on earth to do. No telephones at that time, and no doctor within a mile! Mother again came to the rescue. She took us one at a time blinded folded, put us on her lap, placing us in a reclining position; then took the pepper shaker and into each nostril sprinkled black pepper! Put us on our feet and how we sneezed beans all over the kitchen floor! Needless to say, we never attempted to bean our noses again, and many is the time that I think of that childish prank, when I season flood with pepper to this very day.

THE KUHN

Now here comes the Kuhn side of the story. Louisa Dorothea Kuhn was the oldest child of Frederick Kuhn. Born in Euskirchen (Died May, 1896) and Louisa Dorothea Oberman (Died 1867), of Sulzbach bei Saarbrücken, Germany and was born on October 30, 1858. A brother died, and also the mother when Louisa was 10 or 12 years old.

The war clouds had been hanging over France and Germany for many months, and although Frederick Kuhn was a veteran of the war with Austria, he was called back for the defense of Saarbrücken, in the Franco-German War of 1870-1872. The French were rapidly approaching Saarbrücken, about 20 miles away from Sulzbach, for the Saar and Ruhr Valleys are very rich in the production of iron and coal.

The booming of the French and German artillery could be heard in the Kuhn home. Louisa, her sister and brother stood beside the main road in Sulzbach, handing out bread and coffee to the German soldiers as they pressed toward the battle. In fear, they awaited the return of their father to their motherless home.

At the bloody battle of Spichler Berg, outside of Saarbrücken, the French were driven back and many were taken prisoners. I have seen the cannon balls of the French that were imbedded in the walls of the Saarbrücken Depot and visited the battle field.

The news spread through the town of Sulzbach that a trainload of French prisoners were being brought back of the German lines. Mother and the youngest brother, perhaps Katherine and Phillip, too, went up to the railway station to see those French prisoners. As the trainload of prisoners rolled into the station, the little brother, perhaps just the same as any boy of any nation, pulled off his cap and gave three cheers for the German Army, but the excitement was too much, and he dropped dead at Louisa's feet, his sister.

Little did she dream, that not only would her father march off in the old quarrel of the centuries ever since Charlemagne, but that in 1914-1918, World War I, her nephews, both in America and Germany would march and some on each side would give their lives, but again her grand nephews and grandsons in World War II (1941-1945) traveled over the same old boundary lines.

Neither did her sister, Katherine Kuhn realize in awaiting her father's return from battle, that in World War I, her son would be killed (August Grasser), September 1914 at Liege, Belgium, in World War I, nor that she and her daughter, Frieda would practically starve to death in World War II. Nor did the brother, Phillip, realize that his son would serve in both wars.

After the Franco-Russian War, Frederick Kuhn remarried, and two half sisters were born, Anna and Pauline. Mother and her brother, Louis were the only ones who came to America in the rush of the German immigration of the 1870's and the 1880's. Lewis had served three years in the army and was anxious to leave Germany and come to the United States.

The brother, Phillip had a luke shop on Bismarck Strasse, in Sulzbach, while Pauline Kuhn Grasser, took over her father's little store on the corner after he died. The sister, Katherine and family (Grasser), the sisters married and brothers (?) lived on the same street. Anna Kuhn married Peter Bartz, a nephew of Christian and Henry Grasser. He was a graduated engineer (electrical) and was one of the governmental officials in the big coal mines of that region in Sulzbach.

Their father, Frederick Kuhn died in May 1896. Charles' great grandfather in Sulzbach.

In 1905, mother and father, with Matilda (Charles' mother) and Anna returned to Germany. Mother and father to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary; at that time, Matilda was teaching German in Hammond, Indiana; Anna at Decatur, Illinois.

WORLD WAR I
SET OFF BY THE ASSASSINATION
OF ARCHDUKE F. FERDINAND OF
AUSTRIA AT SARAJEVO

In 1914, the European War broke out with the "shot that was heard around the world."

On an April evening we were sitting on our front yard, high up in the Belmont County hills that day of April 6, 1917, the United States had declared war on Germany and her allies, "the war to end all wars and the war to make the world safe for democracy." As the moon came up in the east, some floating white clouds formed a cross over the rising moon. It was "Good Friday," war had just been declared against their homeland, and mother began to cry; but her loyalty to her adopted land never faltered, for all during that war she knitted stockings for

American boys. She had the reputation at the Red Cross rooms of knitting the best stockings of any returned to the Barnesville Red Cross Chapter.

George Kuhn, her brother's son, died at Camp Grant, October 5, 1918 of "Spanish influenza," and Karl, another brother, almost lost his life when a United States submarine submerged and failed to re-surface (in the English Channel), but the fleet finally located the submarine and the sailors lives were saved.

Victor Burguard, a nephew of Dad's was on combat duty in France, and with the American Army of Occupation in Germany. Anna served as an official translator on German papers; Emma, Lillian I, had "cake walks" at their schools near Hendrysburg and Sewallsville to raise money to purchase war bonds, and the writer became a member of the Nurse Reserve at the Ohio State University Hospital.

Karl Eichhorn II was called in November 1918, but due to an outbreak of influenza at Camp Sherman, his call was cancelled, then came the Armistice of November 11, 1918.

In the meantime, on the other side of the ocean, the German nephews marched away, some never to return again.

Walter Bantz was killed near Paris in 1917 (?) in World War I; August Kuhn was killed in Liege, Belgium in 1914 in World War I, and I believe two sons of John and Mary Eichhorn were killed. I believe they were John and Hugo.

Finally peace terms were declared, but apparently for just one generation of youths to grow into manhood. A second world conflagration burst forth and World War II began December 7, 1941. We all hoped that this time, the United States would not be drawn into this catastrophe, but all in vain, and for the third time, mother saw her folks march off to war; first as a young girl, then as a middle-aged woman, and last a grandmother.

First was Karl F. Eichhorn II, who served in the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy, Africa, Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Austria, etc.

Lewis Kuhn's grandsons, Lewis Sheldon in the Pacific, Gilbert Sheldon of the United States Navy (Maude Kuhn's sons); Leona Kuhn (?), Lewis of the United States Navy, George of the United States Navy; (Mary Kuhn (?), Roy of the United States Army; Ray and Earl in the United States Navy; (Iva Kuhn Snay) Kenneth Snay of the United States Army in the Pacific sector.

Doubtless, in England, France, Italy, and Germany, the descendants of the Eichhorn, Recktenwald, Kuhn, and Obermans again marched away for their countries, whether for right or wrong, in World War II, from 1939-1945.

So, Wanda, you can see that Charles' ancestors have all marched down the line of history from one war to another, and that was just the reason that Charles (Karl) Eichhorn I came to America, to be free of wars and militarism, yet regardless, his grandsons were drawn into the International Inferno of 1941-1945.

Mother had not heard from her sisters, Katherine, Pauline, or Anna since 1939, until the summer of 1946 in August. Letters telling of the war, which for the first time had been a destructive war for Germany; (for always the Germans had managed to keep the ravages of war from the boundaries of their homeland), the bombings by the Allied Air Forces destroyed many of their cities, railroads, and manufacturing plants. Hitler, the dictator committed suicide (?). The country surrendered on May 10, 1945. The Japanese surrendered on August 16, 1945.

Charles, I'll attempt to make a chart, rather crude, no doubt, but perhaps it will give you an idea, and the other grandchildren in the years to come of their forbears--both European and American.

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The following pages will contain charts of the births, war records, deaths, and other things of interest to you.

ADAM EICHHORN AND BARBARA RECKTENWALD--Born in Homburg, Bavaria. Later moved to Sulzbach, Saar, Germany.

CHILDREN

1. Charles (Karl) Joseph. Born September 3, 1857.
Married Louisa Dorothea Kuhn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1882.
Died: August 27, 1931.
2. John remained in Germany. He had four children.
 - a. John, Jr., killed in World War I in France.
 - b. Lorchon.
 - c. Hugo killed in World War I in France.
 - d. Robert
3. William--died in a Kansas blizzard. Left wife and daughter Anna McCauley at 1438 Battery Avenue (?), Baltimore, Maryland.
Died Jan. 18, 1921
4. George--died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Several children--names unknown.
5. Elizabeth--died December 30, 1947. Lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Married John Burguard an Alsatian of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He died January 30, 1948. Their children:
 - a. Victor: United States Army--World War II--France and Germany.
 - b. John
 - c. Mary
 - d. Leona
6. Katherine--Died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Married Phillip Burguard, brother of John Burgard, also an Alsatian.
7. Adam--Came to the United States about 1889. Was a musician. Went west, and last heard of him was from Pike's Peak. He was on his way to the gold mines of the Klondike, (1898), Alaska.

Herman Eichhorn (John's son) found a letter sent in 1895 to his father by Adam stating that he had arrived in the Knondike, Alaska to be a "gold digger", but was lost and never heard from again. Charles would have been so happy to have heard from Adam, one of all his family brought to the United States at our father's expense.

Both William and Adam lived with the Eichhorn family a while before William abandoned his wife and child in Baltimore, went West during the gold rush in California, but apparently froze to death in Kansas. Father sent money for brother's proper burial there.

Adam was a fine musician and very beloved by Ida, Matilda, Anna, Louisa, etc. He brought the children much happiness and was sincerely missed when he left for the "gold diggers".

Family of CHARLES (KARL) EICHHORN AND LOUISA DOROTHEA KUHN EICHHORN

1. Ida Elizabeth Eichhorn: Born April 11, 1863 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Married Hugh Barnette Fowler, August 23, 1921.
Now at Western Reserve Convalescent Home, Kirtland, Ohio
2. Matilda: Born November 22, 1884, Barnesville, Ohio.
Married Francis Roberts, Kansas City, August 16, 1916.
Son, Charles B. Roberts. BORN 1918
3. Anna Pauline: Born November 9, 1886, Barnesville, Ohio.
Lived in Lyndhurst, South Euclid, Post Office, Ohio.
Retired school teacher, Cleveland Heights High School.
Died August 29, 1968. - NOVEMBER 27, 1967
4. Louisa Dorothea: Born October 28, 1888, Barnesville, Ohio.
Married Thomas Lyle White, 1930, Chardon, Ohio.
DIED AUGUST 29, 1968
5. Harry Lewis: Born October 9, 1890, Barnesville, Ohio.
Married Alice Stone, Chicago, Illinois, 10942 South DIED (SUICIDE) 12/24/74
Church Street.
Now living in Fort Myers Beach, Florida.
Their children:
 - a. Florence Louisa: Married Sergeant Vincent V. Vidrine
World War II, United States Army. India-Burma-China.
a 1947 Art Instructor.
Their children:
(1) Pamela Jay: Born May 30, 1947, Chicago, Illinois.
(2) James
6. Karl Frederick: Born November 13, 1892, Barnesville, Ohio.
Married Marguerite Bissel, Bedford Ohio on August 9, 1923.
Their children:
 - a. Karl Frederick III - World War II, Fifteenth Air Force
Corporal - A 1947 student at Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio. B. 6.24-24
 - b. Barbara Ann - Does secretarial work, Cleveland, Ohio. B. 10.21.26
7. Emma Helen: Born October 13, 1896, Barnesville, Ohio. Her home
is still there.
Married Wilson George Bailey, Barnesville, Ohio. World War I,
United States Army.
Their Children:
 - a. Helen Louise - Columbus, Ohio.
 - b. Charles Allen - AEMH 2/C, United States Navy, World War II,
Pacific sector - against the Japanese. O.S.U. 1947.
 - c. Katherine Lucile - Junior High School, Barnesville, Ohio.
8. Albert: Died February 4, 1896. Born, Barnesville, Ohio.
9. Idillian Katherine: Born October 26, 1898, Barnesville, Ohio.
Married Thomas Lyle White, Chardon, Ohio in June 1925.
Died August 2, 1927.
Daughter: Idillian Katherine: Born August 2, 1927.
A 1947 Sophomore at Ohio State University, Baker Hall,
Columbus, Ohio.
Now living in Annandale, Virginia.

10. Margaret Lucille: Born November 15, 1900, Eanesville, Ohio.
Married Clyde Beck, November 15, 1931. United States Navy,
World War II, Pacific sector.

Their children:

- a. Margaret Elizabeth Beck. Graduate South High School,
Ohio State University. A computer specialist with
Social Security, Baltimore, Maryland.
- b. John Joseph Beck. Graduate South High School, Ohio State
University. Now an editor for Macmillan Publishing
Company, New York City. He now resides with his family
in Midland Park, New Jersey. He served three years in
the United States Army, two of those in Germany where
he visited the family's remaining relatives.

FREDERICK KUHN AND LOUISA OBERLIAN KUHN

1. Louisa Dorothea Kuhn: Born October 30, 1857, Sula bei Saarbrücken, Germany.
Married Charles (Karl) Eichhorn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1882.
(For family see preceding pages.)
Died January 18, 1950.
2. Katherine Kuhn: Married Henry Grassler, Sulzbach.
Their children:
 - a. August: Killed in World War I, August 1914, Namur of Liege, Belgium.
 - b. Otto: World War I, German Army.
 - c. Frieda and mother died World War II.
3. Phillip Kuhn: Deceased. Married Katherine (?)--Sulzbach. Also deceased in World War II.
Their children:
 - a. Gustave Kuhn: World War I.
 - b. August Kuhn: World War II, Russia two years, Balkans one year.
 His Children:
 - (1) A daughter twenty-one years old.
 - (2) A son wounded in World War II--In Russian prison camp. Now considered dead.
 - (3) Hetty -- Deceased.
4. Lewis Valentine Kuhn. Now deceased. Married Anna Faber, Miltonsburg, Ohio, Monroe County. Also deceased. Died Morgantown, Indiana. Second wife: Miss Minnie Collins, Barnesville, Ohio, also deceased.
Their children:
 - a. Maude Kuhn Seldon. Her children:
 - (1) Lewis: World War II, Pacific.
 - (2) Gilbert: World War II, United States Navy.
 - b. Karl Kuhn: Deceased March 28, 1938. United States Navy, World War I.
His children:
 - (1) Leona
 - (2) Frank
 - (3) Lewis: United States Navy, World War II.
 - (4) George: United States Navy, World War II.
 - c. Mary Kuhn -- Her children:
 - (1) Roy: United States Army, World War II.
 - (2) Ray: United States Navy, World War II.
 - (3) Earl: United States Navy, World War II.
 - (4) Carl
 - d. George: Died October 5, 1918. United States Army, World War I, Camp Grant.
 - e. Lewis V. Kuhn

- f. Iva Kuhn: Married Ora Snay, Chandler Avenue, Lincoln Park, Michigan. Her children:
- (1) Kenneth Snay: United States Army, World War II, Pacific sector.
 - (2) Evelyn Snay Cartmore--Son September 2, 1947.
 - (3) Emerald
 - (4) Jeannette
- g. Fred: Died in 1947.
5. Pauline Kuhn: Sulzbach. Married Christian Grasser. Their children:
- a. Christian: Herrensahr, Germany, Russian Prison of War, World War I.
 - b. Elisabeth: First husband killed in World War II. Remarried.
 - c. Frederick: World War I.
 - d. Molehen: Husband World War II.
 - e. Heini: World War II, France.
6. Anna Kuhn Baus Waldenhen--French Zone, Sulzbach. Married Peter Bauntz, Sulzbach bei Saar. Their children:
- a. Hans: World War I, Pilsenfeld.
 - b. Walter: Killed near Belleau Wood, France, World War I.
 - c. Elsa Baunts Becker: Wisbelskirchen, Saar--Son, Hans--Maunkirchen.
 - d. Lisbeth (?)
 - e. Gerta - Three boys (Friederickadal).
 - f. Heinrich: Three girls

In November 1946, Tom and Louisa Eichhorn brought mother up from Barnesville, Ohio (age 68) to spend the winter here in Chardon, Ohio.

Several letters came from her sister, Anna; nieces, and nephews telling of their "heart breaking war experiences, and of the care packages being received in Germany from American friends and relatives by others." Care--co-operative American Remittances of Europe, of which Murray D. Lincoln (Farm Bureau Co-operative) is president. "Care" is a non-profit organization and was highly recommended by ex-president Herbert Hoover (1947), after his recent trip to Europe, appointed by the United States President Harry S. Truman, regarding the food situation in war devastated countries.

Various members of our family (1946-1947) gave our contributions to Louise, who officiated as treasurer, and correspondent at Christmas time 1946. Mother was made very happy; "the nicest Christmas gift I could have" by letters and cards from Germany and that the first "care" package had been received by Hans Bantz, her sister, Anna's son, but it required almost three months, because the ordering of the package and the return letter of grateful thanks! Other packages have since been ordered through "Care" for various members of the Kuhn family and at present, May 25, we are expecting replies.

Up to this time no information of John Eichhorn, father's brother, or members of his family has been received, but apparently all are dead.

In several of these letters there were special inquiries of "Lillian." We all got the impression that they were referring to Lillian Katherine White II, since dad had written to them of Lillian I and Lillian II in 1927.

Finally a letter written in English was received from Elsa Fanta Becker, "She was educated in Paris" definitely asking "What became of Lillian? She and I used to exchange letters when we were in high school. I would write in English and she would reply in German, then we would correct the letters and return them."

We, then discovered that the inquiries were not for Lillian II, but for Lillian Eichhorn White I, who passed away August 2, 1927. After all those years, this was rather startling, words out of the dead past! A few years ago I came across a letter from Elsa's father, who was a German official in electrical engineering of Saar mines. Anna translated the letter. In this letter, Uncle Peter Bantz wrote: "Yet a few years, and we will be gone, and our children will probably never hear from each other." Shortly afterward both Uncle Peter and father passed on, but it took the close of World War II to start correspondence again across the Atlantic Ocean. Anna Eichhorn has translating the letters from Germany. Lillian Katherine II happened to be at home from Ohio State University and she immediately replied to Elsa's letter, sending her a picture of herself in cap and gown from high school graduation in Chardon, Ohio. Thus, the second and third generation of the Kuhn and Oberman families re-established their

correspondence, ended by Peter Bantz, of Sulzbach bei Saar, and Charles J. Eichhorn of Barnesville, about 1930.

Today, Charles, as I finish this history (May 25, 1947), Tex, Louise, and Hugh took mother back to her home in Belmont County, where your mother, Matilda Eichhorn Roberts will stay with her for awhile! After an absence of twenty some years, your mother has returned from Talbot, Alberta, Canada, where you spent so many of your childhood years. They have sold out and she has spent several weeks with you and Lowanda previous to, and after the arrival of Raymond Francis Robert, first member of the fourth generation in the United States of America. Your father will also return, when their Canadian business affairs are settled; from your home, way out in Imboden, Arkansas. She recently arrived in Barnesville, Ohio, her native town.

Thus, Wanda and Charles concluded the story of the "Eichhorn, Recktenwald, Kuhn, and Oberman Families, from approximately 1812-1914."

May you and the other Eichhorn grandchildren, their children, and their grandchildren appreciate it as the years roll on, for it has indeed required a great deal of time, so here's a lengthy story for Raymond Francis (Francis for your father) Roberts' baby book, as Wanda requested, otherwise this story, perhaps would never have been written; and when he grows to manhood, may he enjoy and appreciate every good word which I have written.

MRS. LOUISA EICHHORN PASSES 89TH MILESTONE

(From the Barnesville Whetstone Files and written by Miss Rosella Buchanan, the Editor.)

Mrs. Louisa Eichhorn, one of our highly esteemed rural residents will pass her 89th milestone on Thursday, October 30, 1947. She is the widow of Charles Eichhorn and we believe she is the only surviving wife of the craftsmen who first came to Barnesville in 1863 to operate the Barnesville Glass Works, when glass was then hand blown and which is now practically obsolete. In the group beside the Eichhorns were: George Robinson, Joseph Leaps, La Dues, the Coon family, parents of Mrs. George Burdette, three sons, Talbott, LaVerne, and Willis Coon who was the father of Mrs. George Giffen and Mrs. Jessie Fisher. Mrs. Eichhorn has two daughters and one son living in Barnesville: Mrs. Frank Roberts in her home; Mrs. G. W. Bailey, Morgantown Avenue, and Karl Eichhorn, Wiley Avenue and seven others located elsewhere: Mrs. Hugh Fowler, Chardon, Ohio; Mrs. Louise White, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Beck, Columbus, Ohio; another son, Harry in Chicago; a daughter, Anna in Cleveland, and Albert who died in infancy in 1896; also Lillian I in 1927.

On her 89th birthday, mother received over one hundred cards, a birthday cake, candy, and many other gifts; besides members of the family and friends who called.

ARMY RECORD OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II

KARL FREDERICK EICHHORN II

Corporal in the A.S.N. 35602859, 726th Bomb Squadron (H),
451st Bomb Group (H), A.P.O. 1520, New York City, World War II.

"After spending several months in the United States training camps "Bud" landed in Africa, December 1943: cold C rations on sands of Africa; landed at Naples in January; started journey in open trucks across Italy in a blizzard. Bridges and roads had just been blown up by the Germans. Only food was frozen rations, and many had frozen feet. Karl II had badly frosted feet, cold, sick with dysentery, they found on arrival, that their field had just been destroyed. He was flown over Greece, Albania, Austria; and Yugoslavia. When General Patch was stalled in France, Karl and others flew with gasoline and bombs to his assistance in B-24's. They flew stripped of guns to lighten planes over German defenses. He received the Presidential Unit of Citation for Ploesti Oil Fields."

1. For Regensburg
2. For Regensburg.
3. For Vienna (Fighter Group).
4. Only group (Heavy Bombing) to receive three citations and had the most battle stars of any group.

"The above information was supplied by his mother, Marguerite Biesel Eichhorn."

CHARLES ALLEN BAILEY

Son of Emma Eichhorn Bailey and George Wilson Bailey, A.N.M.N.
2/C. C.A.S.U. 5-C/O Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.
Induced at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, February 3, 1943, and
discharged March 12, 1946. Ribbons received by him were:

1. Good conduct.
2. American Defense in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Three battle stars:

1. Submarine Patrol between Pearl Harbor and the United States.
2. Iwo Jima.
3. Okinawa.

He sailed on six different carriers:

1. From the United States to the Hawaiian Islands on the United States Manilla Bay.
2. Submarine Patrol between Pearl Harbor and the United States on the U.S.S. Corregidor.

3. From Guam to Ulithi aboard the U.S.S. Cape Esperance.
4. (?)
5. In active service at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, aboard the U.S.S. Sergeant Bay.
6. From Leyte Gulf back to the United States and home aboard the U.S.S. Bougainville.

Charles was in operations with both the Third and Fifth fleet. His ship, the U.S.S. Sergeant Bay when through the terrible typhoon of June 5, 1945. Two days later, June 7, 1945, they experienced the horror of an attack of Japanese suicide planes at Saki Shima! (Quotation from one of Charles Bailey's letters.)

"Due to censorships' release, I am now able to add quite a bit to my last account of our Pacific episodes." When we left Guam we boarded the U. S. S. Cape Esperance (escort carrier) and went from (?) to Ulithi, in the Caroline Islands, when we came aboard our present ship, the U. S. S. Sergeant Bay, I might add that in Ulithi, I was once permitted to go on shore with a liberty party, to the small island of Mog Mog, which is used for recreational purposes.

When we left Ulithi, it was not for a pleasure cruise. The Sergeant Bay was one of the supporting units, both during, and after the invasion of Iwo Jima. Our planes bombed and strafed the enemy many times, and fired hundreds of high explosive rockets at the deeply entrenched Japanese. Some of our planes made flights to Chichi Jima, and gave them a taste of it, there. Our planes often came back with shrapnel and bullet holes in them.

At times, we could see Mt. Suribachi, on whose summit, our flag was first hoisted. Often it was covered with a blanket of smoke from exploding bombs, rockets, and shells. You know from the news what is left of the Japanese there.

"The above information was supplied by his mother, Emma Eichhorn Bailey, October 28, 1947.)"

CHARLES B. ROBERTS

A.R.T. 2/C S., Radio Material, F. S. N. A. S. Grosse Isle, Michigan. "Pre-Radio Material School, Chicago, Illinois, for 3 1/2 weeks. Elementary Electricity Radio, for 12 weeks, Material School, College Station, Texas. N. A. T. T. C. Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas, for 28 weeks. I entered the United States Navy on June 23, 1944, and was discharged on June 2, 1946. I was an Aviation Electronics Technicians" Mate, second class, when I left, finally stationed at Grosse Isle, Naval Station, Michigan, when I was discharged."

"The above information was supplied by Charles B. Roberts, Black Rock, Arkansas."

VINCENT V. VIDRINES

Army record of Vincent V. Vidrines, husband of Florence Eichhorn. To whom it my concern:

Corporal Vincent Vandyuer Vidrine (Robert Vidrine and Ida Pre-jean). born March 2, 1914, Washington, Louisiana. (Vincent's ancestors were Acadians taken to Louisiana by the British in 1713!) See EVANGELINE BY Henry Wadsworth Longfellow! His war record: Inducted on October 6, 1942 at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Military occupational specialty and number (?)

Grade: A sergeant. Radio and Radar Mechanic (IFF)

North Borneo, Central Burma, India-Burma, and assigned to the 89th Fighter Squadron and 80th Group. March 27, 1944. Decorations:

Citation! 80th Fighter Group - Presidential Citation.

1. Service Strips, 3 years overseas bars.
2. American Campaign Medal.
3. Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon.
4. World War II Victory Medal.

Continental Service, one year, one month, and twenty days. Foreign Service, one year, eleven months, six days. Date of departures, December 6, 1943, Hampton Rhodes, Virginia; February 27, 1944, Oran, North Africa; October 22, 1943, Karachi, India; December 15, 1943; and November 11, 1945. New York City. Received an Honorable Discharge on the seventeenth of November 1945, at Camp Grant, Illinois.

THE LAPSE OF TIME

by

Bryant

"Lament who will, in fruitless tears
The speed with which our moments fly:
I sigh not over vanished years,
But watch the years that hasten by.

Look how they come--a mingled crowd
Of bright and dark, but rapid days.
Beneath them, like a summer cloud,
The wide world changes, as I gaze.

The years, that o'er each sister-land
Shall life the country of my birth
And nurse her strength, till she shall stand
The pride and patter of the earth."

CONCLUSION

VICTORIA GRAYSON JONES

Sons and daughters	Address - 1971	Grandchildren's names and addresses - 1971	Birthdate
1. Ted (Porter)	Wesport Woods, Pennsylvania Home, Kirtland, Ohio	(None)	
2. Matilda (Roberts)	Deceased	Charles Frederick 713 Columbia Road Midland, Michigan (None)	July 31, 1918
3. Anna	Deceased	(None)	
4. Louisa (White)	Deceased	(None)	
5. Harry	405 Washington Court Fort Myers Beach, Florida	Florence (Vidrine) 1345 Vesper Drive Fort Myers, Florida (1) Karl Fredericks (Jr.) 911 Hill Road Cocoa Beach, Florida (2) Barbara Ann (Devlee) 7511 Mayfield Road Cresskill, Ohio	May 9, 1910 June 4, 1924
6. Karl	Deceased		
7. Albert	Deceased in infancy (February 4, 1898)	(1) Helen Louise 5930 Johnstown Road New Albany, Ohio (2) Charles Allen 4156 Mariand Drive Columbus, Ohio (3) Katherine Lucile (Porter) 1378 Wildwood Road Toledo, Ohio	Oct. 26, 1926 Aug. 28, 1922 Sept. 6, 1923 July 16, 1934
8. Emma (Bailey)	116 Norrantown Road Barnesville, Ohio		

SICHORN GRADUATES

Old Address	Address - 1971	Graduation Term and Address - 1971	Birthdate
Miller (Mills)	Deceased	William Katherine (Swank) 7001 Vinton Road Annandale, Virginia	May 20, 1934 Aug 2, 1927
Wagner (Beck)	3394 Towers Court	Margaret Elizabeth 1526 Annapolis Road Baltimore, Maryland	November 23, 1933
		John Joseph 22 Zimmer Avenue Midland Park, New Jersey	September 22, 1937

EICHHORN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
1971

GRANDCHILDREN	GREAT GRANDCHILDREN	ADDRESSES	Birthdates
Charles B. Roberts	Raymon Frances X Roberts	541 Longshore, Apt. A	May 2, 1947
	Acquiring Master's Degree	Ann Arbor, Michigan	
	Environmental Chemistry		
	Daniel Roy Roberts	713 Columbia Rd. (Home)	April 27, 19 ⁵⁰
	Sophomore at Western	Midland, Michigan	
	Michigan University		
	A music major		
	Carol Annette -- 9th Grade	Above address	April 30, 19 ⁵⁶
Florence Eichhorn Vidrine	Pamela Joy Vidrine	1345 Vesper Dr.	1949
	Art student	Ft. Myers, Florida	
	James Vidrine	above address	1952
	Student in Florida		
Barbara Eichhorn Davies	Lesley Ann Davies	7511 Mayfield Rd.	March 11, 1955
	Sandra Lynne Davies	Chesterland, Ohio (Same)	Nov. 25, 1956
Charles Bailey	Steven Allen Bailey	4156 Marland Drive	Nov. 15, 1950
	Junior at O.S.U.	Columbus, Ohio	
	Susan Kay Bailey	Same address	Nov. 11, 1953
	Sr. Brookhaven H. S.		
Katherine Bailey Porter	Christopher Porter	1378 Wildwood Road	Feb. 20, 1962
	3rd Grade	Toledo Ohio	
	Gregory Porter	same address	Sept. 19, 1964
	(starts to school)		
Lillian White Swank	Thomas Eugene Swank	7001 Raleigh Road	Oct. 14, 1961
	3rd grade	Annandale, Virginia	
	Cynthia Marie Swank	same address	Nov. 9, 1966
	(starts to school)		
John Beck	Michelle Lynn Beck	22 Zimmer Avenue	April 12, 1962
	3rd grade	Midland Park, N. J.	
	Annette Marie	same address	Feb. 2, 1966
	Starts to school		

MARRIAGES OF GRANDCHILDREN

Florence Eichhorn: Married to Vincent Vidrine
at Chicago, Illinois
Year: 1940

Charles Roberts: Married to Lowanda Livingston
Place: Imboden, Arkansas
Year: 1946

Charles Bailey: Married to Barbara Stahl
Place: St. Clairville, Ohio Church
Year: September 12, 1948

Barbara Eichhorn: Married to Moysten Thomas Davies
Place: South Euclid, Ohio Church
Year: August 5, 1950

Katherine Lucile Bailey: Married to Jerry Forter
Place: Barnesville, Ohio Presbyterian Church
Year: July 1, 1956

Lillian White: Married to Chester Eugene Swank
Place: Chardon, Ohio Methodist Church
Year: December 27, 1958

Karl Eichhorn, Jr: Married to Elizabeth Barosheimer
Place: Florida church wedding
Year: October 23, 1965

John Beck: Married to Sandra Jean Petterson
Place: Westerville, Ohio Methodist Church
Year: April 15, 1961

MARRIAGES OF GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

RAYMON FRANCIS ROBERTS - Married to Antonia Gwendolyn Rand
Midland, Michigan
December 21, 1970

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out of date*

DEATHS IN FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME	PLACES	DATE
Lillian (Eichhorn) White	Chardon, Ohio	August 2, 1927
Charles J. Eichhorn	Home in Tacoma, Ohio Barnesville	August 27, 1931
Louisa (Kuhn) Eichhorn	Barnesville Hospital	January 18, 1950
Anna Eichhorn	Cleveland, Ohio Hospital	November 27, 1967
Louisa (Eichhorn) White	Chardon Community Hospital	August 29, 1968
Matilda (Eichhorn) Roberts	Midland, Michigan Hospital	July 26, 1969
Karl Eichhorn, Sr.	Nursing Home located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida	December 19, 1969
Albert Eichhorn	Died in infancy Barnesville, Ohio	February 4, 1896
IDA EICHORN FOWLER	HOSPITAL, CHARDON, O.	JULY 4, 1974